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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9173



Introduced by Representative Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO DEL SUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO BE
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State “to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.”

Likewise, the United Nations’ Inter-Agency Task Force on Sport for Development and Peace also recognizes that “sports at all levels, from play and physical activity to elite and competitive sport, are a powerful and cost-effective way to advance the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)”.

However, while the Covid-19 pandemic has profoundly affected sports and the conduct of sporting activities in the country, it has also opened an opportunity to evaluate the community sport sector and determine development initiatives for a more accessible, inclusive and scientific sports program in the grassroots level. In order to do so, there is a need to invest in developing sports in the grassroots level and thus the proposed establishment of the Davao Del Sur Sports Training Center.

This representation believes that through sports, the country’s youth will rediscover traditional and universal values such as patriotism, nationalism, self-discipline, team work and hard work, camaraderie, sportsmanship and fair play, respect for law and order and the rights of others, and the continuing quest for excellence.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – There shall be established in the City of Digos, Province of Davao Del Sur, a sports training center to be known as the “Davao Del Sur Sports Training Center” which shall serve as the primary sports development and training center for the Province of Davao Del Sur and the neighboring provinces.

SEC. 2. *Sports Programs.* – The Provincial Government of Davao Del Sur, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary sports development and training programs, appropriate tournaments and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act. Both shall also take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them to the newly created sports training center.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Chairman of the PSC shall immediately include in the Commission’s program the operationalization Davao Del Sur Sports Training Center. The

construction, establishment and operation of the Davao Del Sur Sports Training Center shall be funded by the PSC and such funds may be granted by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six (6) months following the effectivity of this Act, the Provincial Government of Davao Del Sur and the PSC shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,